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TransCanada Forced To Start Over On Keystone XL

Neb. Politicians, Business Leaders React To Pipeline Rejection

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OMAHA, Neb. -- The international battle over oil in Nebraska is over for now after President Barack Obama pulled the plug on Keystone XL, saying the Republicans gave him a deadline he couldn't meet.

TransCanada will have to reapply, which company officials said they will. Meanwhile, opponents of the pipeline said they're thrilled with Obama's decision, but supporters of the pipeline said the president killed thousands of jobs.

"Nebraskans can stand very proud today because we just protected the Ogallala aquifer, as well as thousands of family farmers' and ranchers' livelihoods," said Jane Kleeb, leader of Bold Nebraska.

"The president (is) selling out American jobs for politics," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Republican leaders said Keystone XL would have created thousands of jobs for people along the proposed pipeline's route -- from Montana to Houston. Rep. Lee Terry agreed with his party's leadership.

"I do think it was all politics. I think he didn't want to upset any part of his base, the environmental left versus labor, and he's just going to say, 'Hey, I'm just going to punt this for as long as I can,'" Terry said.

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